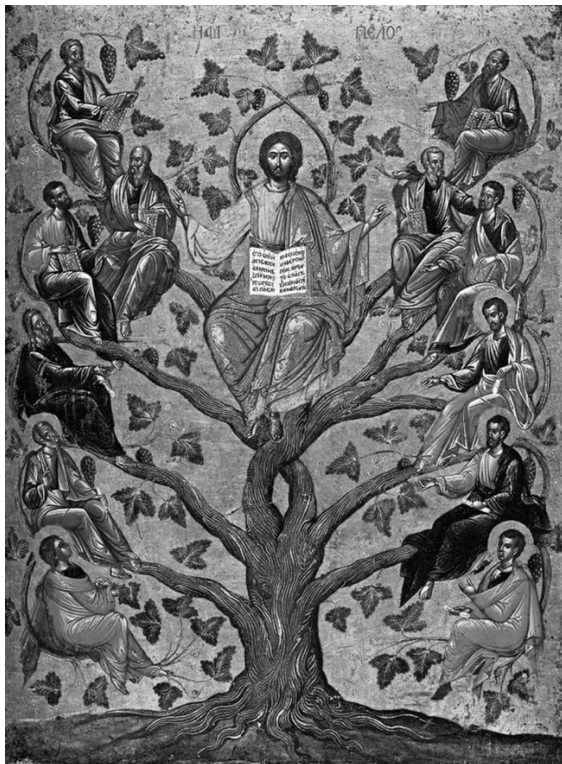

Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 18, 2019
10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church
We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning!

Notes on Today's Service

If you are a visitor, we invite you to fill out a card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

Leading Worship Today:

The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson, Pastor
Lay Leader: Noble Brigham; Acolyte: OPC Youth
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music
The Overbrook Summer Choir
Iris Fairfax, soprano

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God

Childcare is available during the worship service. Worship is for all ages, but should your infant or preschooler become restless during worship, excellent childcare is provided in our nursery.

Worship Kits for Children

are available at the front entrance to the Sanctuary.

Large Print Bulletins and Hymns are Available.

Please speak to one of the ushers if you have special needs.

Ushers:

Phil Sheau, Tyrone Frisby, Ron Homer, Jane Krumrine, Jim McDaniel,
Carol Tulba and Sean Whalen

Openers/Closers:

Bob Kaercher

Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Artia Benjamin and Mary Lou Ryce

Following worship today, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to thank Peg and Bob Kaercher for hosting today's coffee hour. All are welcome!

Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare for worship and remember to silence all cell phones before the service.

❖=Stand as you are able.

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

Offertoire

Alexandre Guilmant
(1837-1911)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord, say so.

People: Let God's beloved raise their voices.

Leader: Let all who hunger come and find food

People: Let all who thirst come and be sated.

Leader: Let God's people become one heart and one voice

People: Let us praise the God who binds us together in love.

❖HYMN No. 321

AURELIA

The Church's One Foundation

WELCOME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful one,

Forgive us our faulty memories.

Forgive us for failing to remember the saints who came before us.

Pardon our obsessions with celebrity, with notoriety, and with fame.

Instead, help us remember the quiet faithful ones.

Help us see the inconspicuous servants around us.

Help us recognize those who work diligently for your kingdom.

Teacher, teach us serve without promise of reward.

Teach us to love the mission you have set before us.

We pray this in the name of Christ, the merciful one, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 581

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 5:1-7

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TIME WITH CHILDREN

Adam Hearlson

(All Children are welcome to remain in worship, should parents so wish; children in Pre-K through Grade 2 may gather in the nursery following the Time with Children.)

SOLO

Franz Josef Haydn

“With verdure clad” from *The Creation* (1732-1809)
Iris Fairfax, soprano

With verdure clad the fields appear
delightful to the ravished sense,
by flowers sweet and gay
enhanced is the charming sight.

Here vent their fumes the fragrant herbs,
here shoots the healing plant.

By load of fruits the expanded boughs are pressed;
to shady vaults are bent the tufty groves;
the mountain’s brow is crowned with closed wood.

NEW TESTAMENT
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

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SERMON

“Head in the Clouds”

Adam Hearlson

❖HYMN No. 829

OLIVET

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – *The Confession of 1967, The Mission of the Church (9.31)*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate humans from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Adam Hearlson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (*using Debts/Debtors*) Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*

SHARING OF PEACE (*"The peace of Christ be with you," "And also with you"*)

OFFERING

Come Down, O Love Divine
The Overbrook Summer Choir

C. Sumner Spalding
(1912-1997)

Come down, O love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling. Amen.

❖DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

❖PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖HYMN (below)

ST. FULBERT

Lo! What a Cloud of Witnesses

1 Lo! what a cloud of wit - ness - es en -
 2 Let us, with zeal like theirs in - spired, strive
 3 Be - hold a Wit - ness no - bler still, who
 4 He, for the joy be - fore him set, and
 5 Thith - er, for - get - ting things be - hind, press

1 com - pass us a - round! They, once like us with
 2 in the Chris - tian race; and, freed from ev - ery
 3 trod af - flic - tion's path; Je - sus, the au - thor,
 4 moved by pit - ying love, en - dured the cross, de -
 5 we to God's right hand; there, with the Sa - vior

1 suf - fer - ing tried, are now with glo - ry crowned.
 2 weight of sin, their ho - ly foot - steps trace.
 3 fi - nish - er, re - ward - er of our faith.
 4 spised the shame, and now he reigns a - bove.
 5 and his saints, tri - um - phant - ly to stand.

Words: *Translations and Paraphrases*, 1745, alt.; para. of Hebrews 12:1-3
 Music: *St. Fulbert*, Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876)

SENDING FORTH

❖BENEDICTION

❖CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN No. 541, stanza 1

God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

Please depart quietly for those who wish to listen to the postlude.

POSTLUDE

C. H. Rinck
"Festivo" from *24 fugirte Nachspiele* (1770-1846)



The **cover artwork** is a Greek Orthodox icon of Jesus Christ as the True Vine dating from the sixteenth century. In it, Jesus sits atop a grape vine, surrounded by the twelve apostles, holding a book open to John 15:5, which reads, "I am the vine, you are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same bears much fruit: for without me you can do nothing."

☞ This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church ☞

Sunday, August 18	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Christian Education Committee-Chapel
Monday, August 19	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship-Wistar Morris Room
Wednesday, August 21	10:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study-Williamson Rm
	5:00 p.m.	Property Committee-Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	Bell Rehearsal #1-Bell Room
Thursday, August 22	6:30 p.m.	Bell Rehearsal #2-Bell Room
Saturday, August 24	10:00 a.m.	Bell Rehearsal #3-Sanctuary
Sunday, August 25	9:15 a.m.	Adult Christian Education- Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	Handbell Warmup-Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Mission/Outreach Committee

☞ Looking Ahead: OPC Happenings ☞

Wednesday, August 21

Adult Bible Study Wednesday, August 21 in the Chapel at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Adam. He will be discussing Genesis 15.

Sunday, August 25

Adult Christian Education Forum will take place in the Chapel at 9:15 a.m. with Pastor Adam. He will be discussing Genesis 16.

The Stormwater work is coming along! We need your help to get everyone to church over the next few weeks. If you can drive back and forth to the train station, please sign up! We also need traffic directors at the entrances--you need to be able to stand out there for at least 45 minutes and monitor the remaining spaces--be sure to save some for the drivers! Thank you all in advance!

—Rachel

To sign up, go to www.tinyurl.com/OverbrookDrivers.



We are still in need of Coffee Hour Hosts for the following Sundays: **September 8, 15, 22 and 29.** All ages can participate. **There is a sign-up genius on the website; it can be found on the home page under the heading “Sunday Morning Schedule, Coffee Hour.”** Remember to **keep it simple.** Folks

are always present to lend a hand. Coffee hour is a cherished tradition at OPC, and hosts are heaped with gratitude by this congregation. For more information, please contact Peggy Kaercher at 610-642-2906 or Pat Ogundele at 610-668-1309. Thank you!



Ask and you shall receive! Many people have requested copies of **Adam's sermons**, and they are now available weekly. If you would like to receive copies of Adam's sermons on a weekly basis, please email Lisa in the office and let her know, indicating if you would like a hard copy or one via email.

APPORTIONMENT

Each year our church is assessed for the administrative cost of being a part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The assessment is based on the number of church members on the rolls. Overbrook's 2019 share is \$11,846.25, or **\$29.25 per member**.

Please help us defray this expense by writing a check payable to Overbrook Presbyterian Church for all church members in your family (including children who have been confirmed). Write "apportionment" on the memo line. You can mail your check to the church office (6376 City Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19151) or leave it in the offering plate any Sunday.

If you'd prefer to use a credit card, you can scan this QR code below or click on the Apportionment button on our webpage. Either one will take you to our PayPal where you can make your donation with a credit card—it's set up for \$30, \$60, \$90, or other amount, depending on how many church members are in your family. The extra 75 cents is to help cover the credit card processing fees.



Thank you for your generosity!

Sermon Notes

Prayer List

- ◆ Pat, friend of Ginny Leagans, is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ◆ Janet and Jeff Bowker on the death on Janet's mother.
- ◆ Congratulations to Emily Amerman and Jim Vagnoni on the marriage of their son Peter to Patri Alvarez. The wedding took place on Saturday, August 17 in Spain.
- ◆ Zack Stanners, born on August 4, is battling serious health issues and is in the NCIU at Bryn Mawr Hospital.
- ◆ Sharon Parker is recovering from back surgery at Good Shepherd Rehab Center at Penn.
- ◆ Margaret Young's son Keith has been diagnosed with cancer.
- ◆ Diane, Laurie Geer's sister, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- ◆ Julie Hearlson, Adam's stepmother, has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer.
- ◆ Brad Biedermann's stepfather, Lou, is in severe and constant pain from rheumatoid arthritis.
- ◆ Ed Harvey is doing better but still is experiencing health concerns and he is grateful for all the prayers.
- ◆ Bruce Gillette had a transfusion last week and is preparing another round of chemo before undergoing a bone marrow transplant.
- ◆ John Nathaniel continues to recover from a stroke.
- ◆ Ellen Burr is experiencing ongoing medical concerns.

*Please contact Mike Rottinger to add names to the prayer list.
Mike can be reached by email (mike.rottinger@comcast.net).
You can also leave a message with the Church Office.*

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***Overbrook Presbyterian Church is a welcoming and diverse
Christian community that actively seeks to love and serve
God, each other, and the world.***
